



SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 4:00 pm
Capilano University, Library Building, Room LB 322

MINUTES

Present: Paul Dangerfield (Chair), Julia Black, John Brouwer, Jai Djwa, Graham Cook, Caroline Depatie, Brian Ganter, Victor Gelano, Denise Gingrich, Sofia Hughes, Deb Jamison, Alan Jenks, Harb Johal, Laura Kinderman, Michael Laurence, Brad Martin, Priya McMurtrie, Vedant Mehra, Corey Muench, Alaa Al-Musalli, Christina Neigel, Majid Raja, Ramin Shadmehr, Farnoosh Sam, Michael Thoma, Diana Twiss, Emily Walmsley, Recorder: Mary Jukich

Regrets: Thomas Flower, Saksham Goyal, Tracy Penny Light, Amina El Mantari

Guests: Brit Paris, Dawn Whitworth

Land Acknowledgement

Capilano University is named after Chief Joe Capilano, an important leader of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the territories of the Líl'wat, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Saíílwataʔ/Selilwitulh (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

In the absence of Thomas Flower, Michael Laurence assumed voting rights for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

2. Approval of the Agenda

*Paul Dangerfield moved and Brad Martin seconded:
To adopt the agenda.*

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes

*Paul Dangerfield moved and Diana Twiss seconded:
To adopt the March 4, 2025 minutes.*

CARRIED

4. Correspondence Received

Correspondence relevant to Senate business was not received; however, Senate continues to receive unofficial correspondence from a variety of groups.



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5. Business Arising

5.1 Self-Evaluation Committee

Presented by: Christina Neigel

The Self-Evaluation Committee is in the final stages of finalizing this year's survey. The survey will be distributed to the Senate subcommittees and will be open for approximately one week. Senators were requested to encourage members of subcommittees to complete the survey.

5.2 Vice-Chair Nominating Committee

Presented by: John Brouwer

Senate was informed that a call for nominations for the position of Senate Vice Chair was distributed and a nomination was received for Deb Jamison.

A further three calls were made at Senate and no further nominations were received. Accordingly, Deb Jamison was acclaimed for Senate Vice Chair for a one year term, August 2025 to June 2026.

6. New Business

None.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Academic Planning and Review Committee

Presented by: Alaa Al-Musalli

The committee met on March 11th and provided early stage feedback on the self-study reports of the following units:

School of Humanities

- Associate of Arts Degree,
- Associate of Arts Degree – Creative Writing
- Associate of Arts Degree – English

Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies

- Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Interdisciplinary Studies



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- Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies

The committee was also informed that the Faculty of Fine & Applied Arts has discontinued work on the Diploma in Contemporary Musicianship concept paper.

7.2 Policy and Governance Committee

Presented by: Corey Muench

The committee met on March 11th and March 25th.

At the March 11th meeting, the committee reviewed the Senate Graduate Studies committee Terms of Reference. The committee also discussed the proposed Academic Qualifications for Faculty Policy and reviewed the written responses from the proponent, Laureen Styles, to questions previously submitted by the committee.

On March 25th, the committee further discussed the Academic Qualifications for Faculty Policy and the new proponent, Claire Carolan, attended the meeting to respond to further questions and provide feedback. Based on the discussion, the committee created an action items list and the proponent will return to the April 8th committee meeting with responses to the action items.

7.2.1 Senate Graduate Studies Committee Terms of Reference

On review and discussion, no concerns were raised with the committee's Terms of Reference.

Corey Muench moved and Graham Cook seconded:

25/09 That the Senate approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Grading Policy

This policy was on a regular review schedule and based on analysis there were no suggested changes except for reformatting into the new policy format.



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During the review and discussion, a concern was raised that during policy review, students are not being consulted and it was suggested that an opportunity be provided to have student voice during the review and, accordingly, this will be followed up.

Corey Muench moved and Laura Kinderman seconded:

25/10 That the Senate approve the revisions to the Grading Profile Policy, S2017-01. **CARRIED**

7.2.3 Attendance Policy

This policy was on a regular review schedule and was updated for formatting. The committee also discussed the concept of participation and the language was slightly revised accordingly.

Corey Muench moved and Emily Walmsley seconded:

25/11 That the Senate approve the revisions to the Attendance Policy, S1990-01. **CARRIED**

7.3 Curriculum Committee

Presented by: Deb Jamison

7.3.1 Resolution Memorandum

The resolutions brought forward from the March 21, 2025 Senate Curriculum Committee meeting were presented to Senate for approval.

Deb Jamison moved and Michael Laurence seconded:

25/12 That Senate approve Resolutions 25/17 to 25/27. **CARRIED**

7.3.2 Committee Membership

Deb Jamison moved and Brad Martin seconded:



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25/13 That the following members be endorsed to serve on the Senate Curriculum Committee for a two-year term ending July 31, 2027: **CARRIED**

Torin McLachlan – Humanities
 Hilary Duke – Social Sciences
 Urmila Jangra – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
 David Geary – Motion Picture Arts
 Vacant – Performing Arts
 Stephen Evans – Access and Academic Preparation
 Alisha Samnani – Student
 Vacant – Student
 Vacant - Student

7.4 Teaching and Learning Committee

Presented by: Diana Twiss

The committee met on March 18th.

The committee received correspondence regarding the use of digital assessment tools and the significant impact that the cost has on students regarding affordability, access to education and academic fairness.

The committee also received a presentation from Brit Paris, Director, Teaching and Learning on the development of guidelines around course modularity, specifically when a course could be online, hyflex, etc and committee members were requested to provide their feedback. An update was also provided on the digital learning framework Brit Paris also provided an update on the digital learning framework and goals achieved to date.

The committee also received a report from Creative Activity, Research, Scholarship and Graduate Studies (CARS) and one of the key highlights was that CARS awarded seven faculty with new research grants: four faculty were awarded section release and student hiring grants from the Service Improvement Allocation fund (SIA) and three were awarded SSHRC grants from our SSHRC Institutional funding.



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7.5 Budget Advisory Committee

Presented by: Michael Thoma

A report was not provided as the committee will be meeting on May 30, 2025.

8. Other Reports

8.1 Senate Chair

Paul Dangerfield provided a brief update regarding the transition around the interim president position as well as the search process for the permanent president position. Information will continue to be communicated to Senate and the campus community as well as the [website](#).

In addition, another part of the successful transition will be filling the positions of Academic Vice President Academic and Provost and the Registrar.

8.2 Vice Chair

As this was Paul Dangerfield's last Senate meeting, the Vice Chair provided comments of gratitude and a tribute video created by Alumni Relations, Philanthropy & Alumni Relations was shown to acknowledge Paul's leadership, influence and impact at Capilano University.

8.3 VP Academic and Provost

A report was not provided as Tracy Penny Light was absent from the meeting.

8.4 Board Report

A report was not provided as the Board has not met since the last Senate meeting.

8.5 Elder Report

A report was not provided as Elder Doctor Latash was absent from the meeting.

9. Discussion Items

No discussion items were presented.

10. Other Business

No other business was presented.



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11. Information Items

No information items were presented.

12. In Camera – Tributes Committee

The meeting moved in camera at 5:00 pm.

*Paul Dangerfield moved and Deb Jamison seconded:
To move in camera.*

CARRIED

*Paul Dangerfield moved and John Brouwer seconded:
To move out of in camera.*

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025
